

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 9012

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Judge Loyce Lambert-Ryan upon her induction into the SCS Alumni Hall of Fame.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we should honor those individuals who have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary individual is Judge Loyce Lambert-Ryan, who, as a graduate of Hamilton High School, was a 2021 inductee to the SCS Alumni Hall of Fame on July 31, 2021; and

WHEREAS, a renowned jurist, Judge Loyce Lambert-Ryan pursued a career in the law after her graduation from Hamilton High School; she received her bachelor's degree from Clark Atlanta University and earned her Juris Doctorate at the University of Iowa College of Law; and

WHEREAS, she served as a Reginald Heber Smith Community Lawyer Fellow from 1983 through 1985 and was employed by the Department of Justice in 1985; she continued her studies at the National Criminal Defense College in Macon, Georgia, in 1989; and

WHEREAS, a true trailblazer, Judge Lambert-Ryan was the first female selected to serve as a member of the Shelby County Public Defenders Capital Defense Team and was the first female supervisor of the unit; and

WHEREAS, she was the first female president of the Ben F. Jones Chapter of the National Bar Association and received its highest honor, the A.A. Latting Award for outstanding Legal Services in 1995; and

WHEREAS, in 2000, Judge Lambert-Ryan was elected to the bench as a General Sessions Criminal Court Judge, where she has won the respect and admiration of her fellow

members of the legal profession; she has also presided over the Compulsory Attendance Court and was reelected in 2014, with no opposition; and

WHEREAS, lending her time and talents to numerous civic, charitable, and professional organizations, she is a charter member of the Clark Atlanta University Alumni Association Memphis Chapter and a member of the University of Iowa Alumni Association, the Tennessee General Sessions Judges Conference, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., and the River City Chapter of the Links, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the success of the State of Tennessee, the strength of our communities, and the overall vitality of our society depend, in great measure, on the dedication of people such as Judge Lambert-Ryan, and it is appropriate that we recognize her on this special occasion; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Judge Loyce Lambert-Ryan upon her induction into the SCS Alumni Hall of Fame, commending her commitment to her community and her many contributions to the State of Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.